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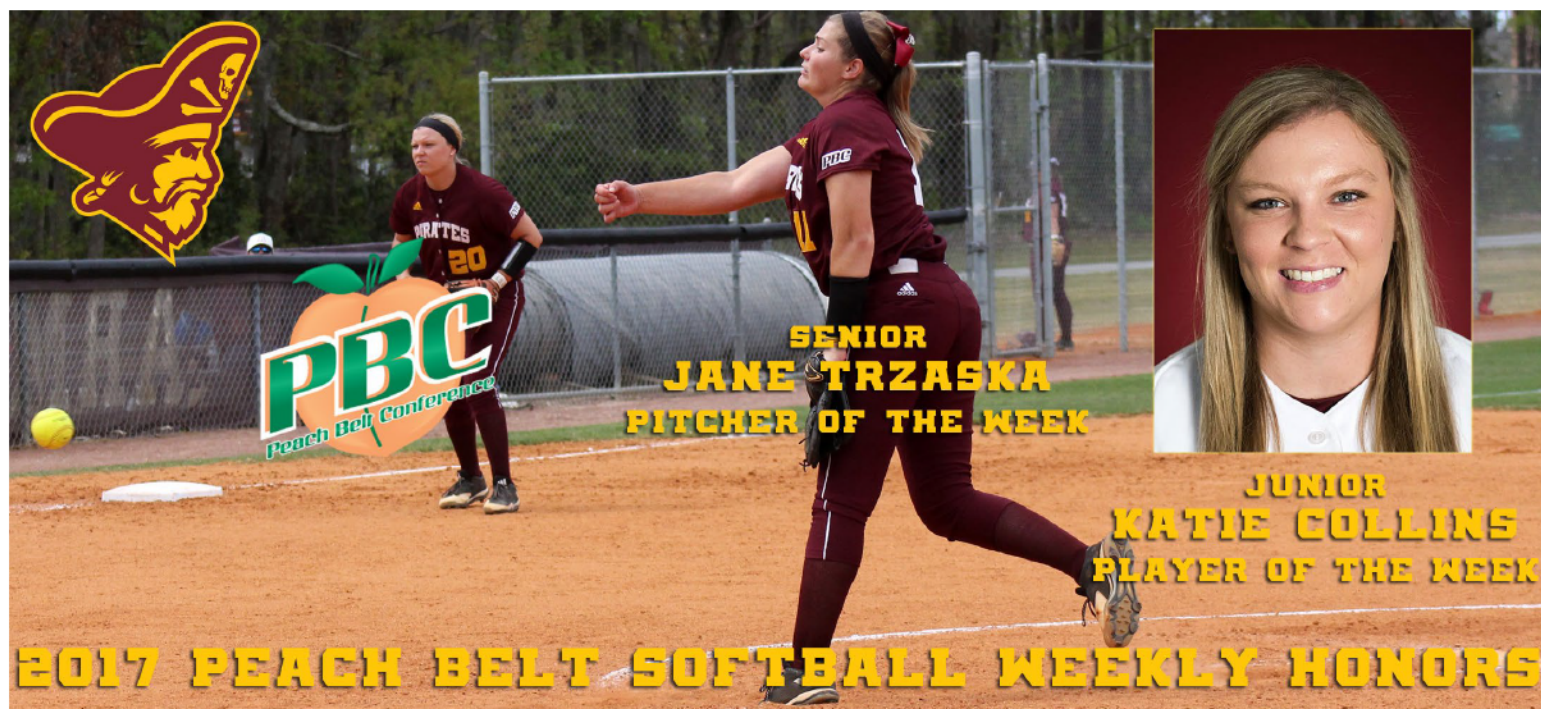


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SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong State University junior third baseman **Katie Collins** has been named the Peach Belt Conference's softball Player of the Week, while senior **Jane Trzaska** has been named the Pitcher of the Week, announced today by league officials.

Collins blasted her way through six Peach Belt wins for the Pirates, hitting .421 with three home runs and 12 RBI, including a pair of grand slams in back-to-back games. Her fifth-inning grand slam against UNC Pembroke in Saturday's game two capped a comeback from a 5-0 deficit to give the Pirates a 7-5 victory.

Sunday, she blasted a fourth-inning grand slam in the Pirates' 9-1 win over Francis Marion in game one, then added a three-run blast in a 10-2 win in game two over the Patriots.

The Collins, Ga., native slugged .896 on the week and also stole a base and scored six runs. She is currently tied for seventh in the PBC in home runs and ranks 11th in slugging percentage.

Trzaska, meanwhile, earns her second Pitcher of the Week honor this season as she went 3-0 with an 0.82 ERA, giving up only seven hits in 17 innings of work. The senior from Glen Ellyn, Ill., gave up three hits and one unearned run, striking out

six, in five innings of the Pirates' 6-1 win at USC Aiken on Tuesday. She then threw a one-hitter, striking out five in a 6-2 win over UNC Pembroke on Saturday. Trzaska finished the week with a five-inning three-hitter, striking out four in a 9-1 win over FMU on Sunday.

She had a streak of 41 $1\frac{1}{3}$ consecutive innings without giving up an earned run halted on Saturday vs. UNCP - that streak lasted from February 25th through March 25th, an entire month. She also hit .385 with six runs scored at the plate. Trzaska is tied for sixth in the PBC in wins, for fourth in shutouts and is second in the league with a 1.05 ERA.

The Pirates return to action on Saturday, April 1st, visiting Columbus State for a 5:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference doubleheader featuring the top two teams in the PBC standings.



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